

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
Thursday, May 7, 2015
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall with members Spinner, Cox and Souders present. Also present was City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Spinner and carried to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the claims as presented.

The Mayor noted that he would be out of town on the date of the next meeting and requested the meeting date be changed from June 4, 2015 to Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 8:30 A.M.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve moving the date of the June 4, 2015 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting to Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

The Mayor noted that a City auction is being planned and items need to be declared surplus to be disposed of at auction. Lists were presented of potential surplus items for the auction.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the lists of items to be sold at the City auction.

The Mayor informed the Board of donations made by the Menke Charitable Foundation. He noted that the Police Department and the Fire Department each received \$5,000.00. Police Chief Parks informed the Board that the donation to the Police Department would go toward body cameras and radios. Fire Chief Patberg informed the Board that the donation to the Fire Department would be used to replace their thermal imaging camera.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Souders and carried to accept the donations and approve the use of the funds as described by the departments Chiefs.

The Mayor indicated that 6 more dual band radios are needed so that our public safety departments can communicate with other agencies; 4 for the Police Department and 2 for the Fire Department. He noted that \$55,000.00 is already appropriated in the Cumulative Fire Building, Equipment and Police Radio Fund. The six new radios would cost \$24,000.00.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the purchase of 6 emergency radios in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 as noted above.

Fire Chief Patberg presented his monthly report. Patberg introduced new firefighter Cole Meyer to the Board.

Clerk-Treasurer Dippel swore in new Volunteer Firefighter Cole Meyer.

Police Chief Parks presented his monthly report.

Wastewater Superintendent Kemp presented his monthly report. He noted that the lift station pump on County Road 200 is going out and needs to be replaced right away. He noted the cost could be \$20,000.00.

The Mayor noted that a pump needs to be purchased as an emergency purchase and ratified at a later date.

Street Superintendent Stamm presented his monthly report. He updated the Board on the paving plan for 2015. He noted that he will be driving around and evaluate all of the ditches in the City focusing on their maintenance.

Stamm noted the completion of the 2015 10th Street curb and gutter project and the need for the Board to accept the project so the property owners can be billed for the work.

A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the curb and gutter project on 10th Street and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to issue invoices to property owners for the work done.

Code enforcement Officer Collett presented his monthly report. He noted his monthly follow-up review of rehabilitation of the Mary Burch house (609 N. Washington Street) found that the scheduled requirements have been met.

Planning Director Lake presented a report showing the cost to the City for the demo, clean-up and acquisition of the lots at 112, 114 and 116 North Jackson Street totaling \$16,108.20. He noted that the Board had requested bids for the sale of the parcels and one bid was received in the amount of \$3,500.00. He noted that the average of two appraisals obtained for the property is \$13,100.00.

Attorney Schneider informed the Board of its options and of the requirements to be able to sell the property. He indicated that in order to sell the property through a broker the property must have been open for bids for at least 60 days. The property was only open for bids for 16 days.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Cox and carried to re-advertise the property noted above and receive bids until 10:00 A.M. on July 1, 2015.

Lake updated the Board on the fire station and the police station renovations.

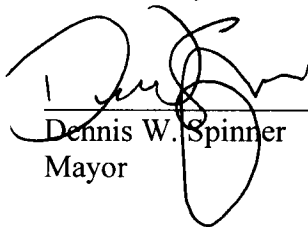
Leslie Denu was present to request approval of a Special Event Permit Application for the Race at the R.I.D.G.E. 5K Run/Walk to be held on May 30, 2015, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. from the Huntingburg Elem. RIDGE program.

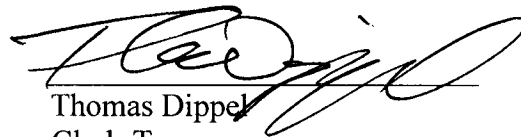
A motion was made by Spinner, seconded by Cox and carried to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Race at the R.I.D.G.E. 5 K Run/Walk.

Safety Director Foerster reminded the Board of the upcoming hazmat train derailment enactment on May 30, 2015 from 7:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M. He requested permission to close Railroad Avenue and VanBuren Street from Railroad Avenue to 6th Street during the event.

A motion was made by Cox, seconded by Souders and carried to approve the closing of the streets noted above for the hazmat train derailment enactment on May 30, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Souders, seconded by Spinner and carried at 9:16 A.M.



Dennis W. Spinner
Mayor

Thomas Dippel
Clerk-Treasurer